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N/A

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GENERAL PLAN REPORT

2003 Fall Hearing

TEXT REFERENCE:

Appendix E. Major Collector Streets; pages E-1 to E-7

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Amend Appendix E. Major Collector Streets to downgrade San Fernando Street, Auzerais Avenue, and Lincoln Avenue from 4-lane Major Collector Streets to 2-lane Major Collector Streets and to add a portion of North 1st Street as a 2-lane Arterial Street.

LOCATION: Various

ACREAGE: N/A

APPLICANT/OWNER:

Staff/City of San Jose

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW STATUS:

San Jose 2020 Environmental Impact Report certified by City Council Resolution No. 65459 on August 16, 1994

PLANNING STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt the proposed text amendment.

Approved by:

Date:

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:

CITY COUNCIL ACTION:

CITY DEPARTMENT AND PUBLIC AGENCY COMMENTS RECEIVED:

- None received.

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE:

- None received.

ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:**BACKGROUND**

This is a staff initiated text amendment to amend the *San Jose 2020 General Plan* text to modify Appendix E - Major Collector Streets to downgrade San Fernando Street, Auzerais Avenue, and Lincoln Avenue from 4-lane Major Collector Streets to 2-lane Major Collector Streets and to add a portion of North 1st Street as a 2-lane Arterial Street. The purpose of this amendment is to modify the General Plan Land Use/Transportation Diagram to reflect present day, realistic transportation planning for the specified street segments. In these cases, the maturity of existing neighborhood or business development makes the future widening of the street segments to four lanes as currently planned impractical and undesirable. The practical result of these changes is to ensure that these streets remain two lanes and are not considered for future widening to four lanes. The identification of these street segments was done in coordination with the Department of Transportation.

ANALYSIS

A Major Collector street is a facility that serves internal traffic movements within an area and connects this area with the major arterial system. The standard right-of-way for Major Collector streets is 60 to 90 feet, which can accommodate two or four lane streets. An Arterial street is a facility that accommodates major movements of traffic not served by expressways or freeways. There are two potential right-of-way widths for Arterial streets, Minor - 80 to 106 feet and Major - 115 to 130 feet. The number of lanes for an Arterial street depends on the function of the arterial, its location and the volume of traffic it is expected to handle. Appendix E of the General Plan specifies the maximum number of lanes for each Major Collector street and identifies the Arterial streets that are planned to have only two lanes. The purpose of Appendix E is to provide the community with the knowledge and understanding of the City's long-range plan for the ultimate width of Major Collector and Arterial streets.

The proposed changes to Appendix E stem from the Major Roadway Audit conducted by the Department of Transportation (DOT). Under the current General Plan Land Use/Transportation Diagram, several major roadways in the City of San Jose have yet to be constructed to their ultimate planned width. Upon further analysis, the widening of the subject roadway segments were determined to be unrealistic in light of the existing development which has occurred along the streets, thereby making future widening prohibitively expensive and undesirable by the community. Therefore, the following street segments are proposed to change from the planned four lane streets to two lane streets:

- Auzerais Avenue, from Race Street to Delmas Avenue
- Lincoln Avenue, from Park Avenue to San Carlos Street
- San Fernando Street, from the Los Gatos Creek to 10th Street
- North 1st Street, from Hedding to Reed Street

The proposed changes to Appendix E of the General Plan would not result in any physical changes to the streets themselves, to existing traffic patterns or adjacent land uses.

Staff recommends approval of the proposed text amendment because it will provide a more accurate reflection of the City's future plans for the subject arterial and major collector streets. The proposed changes support the General Plan's transportation goals and policies to provide a safe, efficient, and environmentally sensitive transportation system.

Environmental Issues

The San Jose 2020 General Plan Environmental Impact Report certified by City Council on August 16, 1994 addressed all required environmental issues on the project. To further support the environmental documentation of the General Plan amendment, additional traffic analysis was done using the City's computer model (TRANPLAN) and the current Long Term Traffic Impact Assessment Methodology. This analysis determined that the impact of the proposed amendment is less than significant.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

The Planning Department held community meetings on October 14th and 15th, 2003 to discuss the proposed Fall 2003 General Plan amendments. No comments were received in regards to this amendment at the community meetings. In addition, the community can be kept informed about the status of amendments on the Department's web-site, which contains information on the General Plan process, each proposed amendment, staff reports, and hearing schedule.

The proposed amendment was also coordinated with the Delmas Park Strong Neighborhoods Initiative (SNI). This SNI area includes the reduction of Auzerais Avenue from a 4-lane to a 2-lane Major Collector Street Neighborhood in their Neighborhood Improvement Plan.

RECOMMENDATION

Planning staff recommends adopting the proposed text amendment.

Attachments

PBCE002/GP_Team/2003Annual Review/GP03-T-10/Staff Report/GP03-T-10.sr

PROPOSED SAN JOSE 2020 GENERAL PLAN TEXT AMENDMENT

Amend Appendix E. Major Collector Streets; page E-1 to E-7 by adding the following:

Major Collector Streets

Street Name	Number of Travel Lanes Planned for Year 2020
Auzerais Ave.	Four Lanes <u>Two Lanes</u>
Lincoln Ave.	<u>Two Lanes from Park Ave. to W. San Carlos St.</u> <u>Four Lanes from W. San Carlos St. to Almaden Expwy</u>
San Fernando St.	<u>Two Lanes from Los Gatos Creek to 10th St.</u> <u>Four Lanes from Race St. to Los Gatos Creek and from 10th St. to 17th St.</u>

Arterial Streets

Street Name	Number of Travel Lanes Planned for Year 2020
Taylor St.	Two Lanes from N. 4th St. to Hwy. 101
<u>North 1st St.</u>	<u>Two Lanes from Hedding St. to Reed St.</u>